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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Prices in Chicago and New York were unchanged. Elsewhere, prices were higher on the larger sizes and unchanged on mediums. Trade sentiment was steady beginning the week. Demand was moderate to good, best where features were in progress or planned. Supplies were adequate to balanced for current trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were short to about adequate for the moderate to good demand. Spent hen availability was fully sufficient for normal to instances heavy slaughter schedules.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN

MIDWEST REGIONAL Midwest prices were higher for large and extra large. Other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was at least steady. Retail demand was fairly good to good. Loose egg movement was moderate. Supplies were adequate to well balanced. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were tight to adequate for the fairly good to good demand. Schedules mostly over-time. Floor stocks were tight to adequate. Trade sentiment was steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	68-77	70-74
LARGE	67-75	68-73
MEDIUM	50-58	53-55

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS

	RANGE
LARGE	50-54
MEDIUM	33-35
SMALL	15-19

MW AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV, WESTERN NY & WESTERN PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were higher on the larger sizes and unchanged on mediums when compared to previous week's pricing. The market tone was steady entering the week. Demand into all outlets was moderate to fairly good. Supplies were available to at times close. Breaking stock offerings were short to about adequate for the moderate to good demand. Light type fowl were fully adequate for normal to instances heavy processing schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	73-86	76-79
LARGE	68-83	75-77
MEDIUM	51-66	56-58

NE AREA: CT,DC,DE,MA,MD,ME,NH,EASTERN NJ,EASTERN PA,RI, NORTHERN VA & VT

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices were higher for the larger sizes and unchanged for medium. Trade sentiment was at least steady. Retail demand was still fairly good to good. Food service movement was usually moderate. Supplies were adequate to well balanced.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	76.5-85	77-78
LARGE	71.5-80	73-74
MEDIUM	53.5-60	55-57

SC AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK AND TX

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were higher on extra large, unchanged to higher on large, and unchanged on mediums when compared to previous week's pricing. The market tone was steady beginning the week. Demand was moderate to good, best where features were a factor. Supplies were adequate to in close balance for current trade needs. Breaking stock supplies were short to about sufficient for the moderate to instances good demand. Light type hens were fully adequate for normal to at times heavy slaughter schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	72-80	74-77
LARGE	69-78	72-75
MEDIUM	53.5-61	54-58

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN

CHICAGO Prices for all sizes unchanged. The market tone was steady. Retail and food service demand was moderate to good, best where features are planned or in progress. Supplies ranged from adequate to balanced, with larger sizes in a more balanced position.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	74-80
LARGE	73-78
MEDIUM	56-63

NEW YORK Prices began the week unchanged on all sizes. The market tone was steady. Retail and distributive demand was moderate to at times good, best where limited feature activity was in progress or planned. Supplies were usually sufficient for present trade needs.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	82-86
LARGE	80-84
MEDIUM	63-67

WESTERN Prices 2 cents higher on jumbo, extra large and large, unchanged on medium throughout the region. The Pacific region inventory was 5% higher than last Monday with California up 3% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 10%. Retailer demand fair with planned features heavier. Offerings light.

CALIFORNIA Prices 2 cents higher on jumbo, extra large, and large; unchanged on medium and small. The California inventory was 3% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand light to moderate, expected to be much better later in the week to cover heavier planned feature activity. Offerings light. Small benchmark price 68. Ads in Northern California: major- large 18 pack 169, buy 1 get 1 free.

California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	117
EXTRA LARGE	113
LARGE	105
MEDIUM	88

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	259-339	JUMBO	255-339
EXTRA LARGE	259-319	EXTRA LARGE	239-319
LARGE	219-229	LARGE	215-249
MEDIUM	199	MEDIUM	189-219

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending August 01, 2003 will increase by 5 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending July 25, 2003 were 217,212 cases which was 3 percent below the prior week and 0 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	177,391	39,821	217,212
% change from the prior week.....	-5	+5	-3

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 15 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Prices were unchanged. Offerings were tight to adequate with demand rated as fairly good to good. Schedules mostly over-time. Floor stocks were tight to adequate. Trade sentiment was steady.

PRICES PAID TO 11:00 AM, MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	53-57	53-55
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	39-44	
CENTRAL STATES AREA:		
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged to slightly lower when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair at best for the adequate to fully adequate offerings. Finished product supplies were usually adequate, but clearing satisfactorily. Processing schedules for next week were normal to instances heavy. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 28-JUL-03

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-8.75 CENTS/LB.	8-8.5	8.22
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading levels were unchanged to slightly lower compared to the past week. Interest for spent hens was moderate, offerings were fully adequate. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was about steady. HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 28-JUL-03

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.25-9.75 CENTS/LB.	8-8.75	8.34

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM JUL 28, 2003

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		No	So	So	5-Area		
	Northeast	Cent	Cent	Atl	Pacific		
Jumbo	Curr Wk	11.0	21.0	6.4	9.5	10.4	58.3
	Change	0.3	1.0	0.7	-0.2	0.1	3%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	26.4	45.2	15.9	14.8	33.5	135.8
	Change	2.1	-3.4	2.0	-1.5	2.4	1%
Large	Curr Wk	50.2	86.1	67.7	66.9	103.7	374.6
	Change	10.4	-6.1	7.5	-0.6	5.7	5%
Medium	Curr Wk	16.2	31.5	19.2	22.5	34.0	123.4
	Change	-3.2	-4.6	2.3	-2.0	-2.7	-8%
Small	Curr Wk	3.8	6.0	4.9	7.4	7.7	29.8
	Change	0.0	-1.4	0.7	-5.9	1.3	-15%
Misc	Curr Wk	5.5	21.6	8.2	9.4	6.4	51.1
	Change	-0.2	-4.9	-1.6	-3.7	0.0	-17%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	22.1	41.5	18.1	19.5	34.7	135.9
	Change	8.4	0.4	0.6	-6.2	4.8	6%
Total	Curr Wk	135.2	252.9	140.4	150.0	230.4	908.9
Percent	Change	15%	-7%	10%	-12%	5%	0%
TOTAL		Number of	Percent	Number of			
		Cases	Change	Cooperators			

Shell Egg	908.9	0%	172
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	243.9	-10%	35
Total Shell Egg	1152.8	-2%	207

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 172 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

CANADIAN EGGS MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 14, 2003

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	197.2	194.1	185.1	114.6

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING JULY 14, 2003 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	151	151	141	77

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR JULY 25, 2003.

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS								TOTAL LOADS							
17.50								13.50								31.00							
		SE		NE		MW		LOADS				SC		NW		SW		LOADS					
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS	ORG	DST			
GNR W 1	54.00	—	—	56.00	—	—	3.00		GL W J	—	—	—	—	79.00	82.25	2.00		GL W XL	70.25	—			
GL W XL	—	—	66.50	68.00	66.38	—	10.00		GL W XL	70.25	—	—	—	—	76.40	7.00		GL W LG	—	—			
GL W LG	—	—	—	—	63.00	—	3.00		GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	73.00	1.00		GL W MD	44.60	—			
GL W MD	—	—	41.50	43.50	—	—	3.50		GL W MD	44.60	—	43.00	—	43.00	48.33	4.50							
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00																

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR JULY 21, 2003-JULY 25, 2003

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS								TOTAL LOADS															
104.00								62.75								166.75															
SE				NE				MW				LOADS				SC				NW				SW				LOADS			
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST														
GNR W 1	53.50	56.00	54.50	56.00	55.00	55.70	16.00		GNR W 1	56.00	57.00	—	—	—	—	—	3.00														
GNR W 2	—	56.50	—	—	—	—	2.00		GNR W 2	—	50.00	—	—	—	—	—	6.00														
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	46.00	47.88	2.00		GL W J	—	67.00	—	—	77.71	80.91	5.00															
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	65.00	1.00		GL W XL	70.25	69.00	—	—	—	75.21	20.00															
GL W J	—	81.00	—	—	—	—	2.00		GL W LG	62.00	67.14	—	—	—	70.00	22.75															
GL W XL	—	66.50	65.75	66.75	62.85	61.38	63.75		GL W MD	44.87	48.43	43.00	—	43.00	49.58	16.75															
GL W LG	—	68.50	62.83	64.50	61.08	65.00	35.50		GL W SM	27.00	28.00	—	—	—	—	.50															
GL W MD	—	51.00	43.18	44.94	45.00	—	15.50																								
GL W SM	31.00	33.00	30.61	32.33	32.00	34.50	8.50																								
GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	—	75.00	.50																								
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	50.50	57.00	55.70	27.00																								
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	42.50	7.00																								

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	07/21/03	07/14/03	07/22/02
PACIFIC COAST	59	71	401
LOS ANGELES	36	48	297

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MOSTLY

EXTRA LARGE	91.63
LARGE	88.63
MEDIUM	72.19
SMALL	53.00

HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS**RECEIPTS FROM THE MAINLAND**

	July 13-19, 2003	July 6-12, 2003
30-dozen case	8,862	5,065

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OUT OF STATE EGGS - STATE COMPILATION

Report Date: 7/24/2003

Report Period: 6/29/2003 - 7/5/2003

State	# Cases Shipped to Northern California	# Cases Shipped to Central California	# Cases shipped to Southern California	Total State
Arizona	0	0	1,944	1,944
Colorado	0	0	3,620	3,620
Illinois	0	0	510	510
Indiana	0	0	810	810
Iowa	2,440	4,484	52,952	59,876
Minnesota	720	1,590	8,643	10,953
Missouri	0	0	4,744	4,744
Montana	0	0	1,020	1,020
North Carolina	0	0	1,680	1,680
Ohio	0	0	1,410	1,410
Oregon	4,313	289	0	4,602
South Dakota	0	0	830	830
Texas	780	0	5,380	6,160
Utah	1,480	2,160	6,649	10,289
Wisconsin	0	0	728	728
TOTAL	9,733	8,523	90,920	109,176
SHIPPED TO MILITARY	0	0	0	0
SHIPPED TO NONMILITARY	9,733	8,523	90,920	109,176

Source: California Department of Food and Agriculture, Egg Quality Control